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((A. MOISEYEV ARTICLE UNDER THE "WORLD OF THE EIGHTIES" RUBRIC:
"MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE| COMMENTS FROM CEMA HEADQUARTERS"))((TEXT)) THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT HELD IN MOSCOW 3 YEARS AGO
INDICATED AS A TOPICAL TASK THE NEED TO STEP UP THE ASSISTANCE
PROVIDED BY EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF CEMA TO VIETNAM, MONGOLIA, AND CUBA
TO SPEED UP THEIR NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT....CEMA HEADQUARTERS IS SITUATED ON MOSCOW'S KALININ PROSPECT.
I WAS TOLD AT THE CEMA SECRETARIAT THAT INCREASING ATTENTION HAS
BEEN PAID TO THIS PROBLEM OF LATE. IT HAS BEEN EXAMINED AT VARIOUS
SESSIONS OF CEMA BODIES. IT IS PROPOSED THAT SPECIAL ASSISTANCE
PROGRAMS FOR THESE THREE FRATERNAL COUNTRIES WILL BE WORKED OUT
WITHIN THE CEMA COUNCIL IN THE NEAR FUTURE.WHAT ARE THE ORIGINS OF THE PROBLEM? PEOPLE'S POWER IN VIETNAM,
MONGOLIA, AND CUBA INHERITED A DEFORMED ECONOMIC STRUCTURE.
VIETNAM INHERITED A BACKWARD AGRICULTURE, MONGOLIA A SEMIBARTER,
STOCKRAISING NOMADIC ECONOMY, AND CUBA THE NARROWLY SPECIALIZED
MONOCULTURAL PRODUCTION OF SUGAR CANE. THESE STATES ARE
INDUSTRIALIZING, TRAINING NATIONAL CADRES, AND SEEKING TO PROVIDE
THEIR POPULATIONS WITH FOOD AND STAPLE GOODS. NOT EASY TASKS|
THEY CAN BE MOST SUCCESSFULLY RESOLVED ONLY BY COMBINING THOSE
COUNTRIES' OWN EFFORTS AND RESOURCES WITH THE EFFECTIVE SUPPORT OF
OTHER CEMA STATES.ENTERPRISES BUILT WITH SOVIET ASSISTANCE IN VIETNAM, MONGOLIA,
AND CUBA GENERATE THE BULK OF THE ELECTRICITY AND THE OUTPUT OF THE
FUEL, POWER, MINING, AND METALWORKING INDUSTRIES. HOWEVER, AS
NOTED BY THE RECENT CONFERENCE ON IMPROVING USSR COOPERATION WITH
VIETNAM, MONGOLIA, AND CUBA HELD AT THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE,
THERE EXIST CONSIDERABLE RESERVES FOR INCREASING THE EFFICIENCY OF

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THE CONSTRUCTION AND THE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY OF ENTERPRISES BEING SET UP WITH SOVIET ASSISTANCE.

LET US NOW LOOK AT WHAT THE PROBLEM AREAS IN THE ECONOMIES OF VIETNAM, MONGOLIA, AND CUBA ARE, HOW THOSE COUNTRIES' COOPERATION WITH SOCIALIST COMMUNITY PARTNERS IS DEVELOPING, AND THE FORMS THAT IT TAKES.

DURING THE YEARS OF SOCIALIST BUILDING IN VIETNAM MORE THAN 300 INSTALLATIONS HAVE BEEN BUILT IN VARIOUS SECTORS OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMY WITH THE AID OF FRATERNAL STATES. HOWEVER, A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF THE ENTERPRISES HERE ARE NOT WORKING AT FULL CAPACITY AND SUFFER ELECTRICITY, SPARE PARTS, AND RAW MATERIALS SHORTAGES.

...I SPOKE WITH HOANG THUC TAN, VIETNAMESE DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE AT CEMA, IN HIS SPACIOUS OFFICE.

"WE ARE NOW," HE SAID, "DIRECTING OUR MAIN EFFORTS TOWARD IMPLEMENTING THREE MAJOR PROGRAMS DRAWN UP AT THE SIXTH COMMUNIST PARTY OF VIETNAM CONGRESS: A FOOD PROGRAM, A CONSUMER GOODS PRODUCTION PROGRAM, AND A PROGRAM TO INCREASE THE PRODUCTION OF EXPORT GOODS. THE CONGRESS ALSO RESOLVED TO EXPAND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM FOR CEMA COUNTRIES' SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL PROGRESS THROUGH THE YEAR 2000.

"EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT OUR COUNTRY'S SUCCESSFUL ADVANCE TOWARD SOCIALISM IS INCONCEIVABLE WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF THE USSR AND THE OTHER FRATERNAL STATES. WE, FOR OUR PART, HAVE PROPOSED A NUMBER OF LONG-TERM PROJECTS OF OUR OWN. VIETNAM IS, FOR EXAMPLE, RICH IN RARE-EARTH ORES AND BAUXITE DEPOSITS, WHICH ARE OF INTEREST TO OUR CEMA PARTNERS.

"TROPICAL AGRICULTURE IS ANOTHER VERY PROMISING SECTOR OF COOPERATION. IN RECENT YEARS VIETNAM HAS CONCLUDED AGREEMENTS WITH BULGARIA, HUNGARY, THE GDR, MONGOLIA, POLAND, THE USSR, AND THE CSSR ON THE JOINT CULTIVATION OF HEVEA PLANTATIONS FOR RUBBER PRODUCTION FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH THE YEAR 2000. WE ALSO EXPECT MUCH FROM COOPERATION IN GROWING COFFEE AND TEA, AND ALREADY HAVE LONG-TERM BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH CERTAIN STATES.

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